

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response the Office Action dated November 16, 2005.
Reexamination in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 5-12 are currently pending in this application, with claim 5 being independent.

No new matter has been added.

Allowable subject matter

Appreciation is expressed for the indication that claims 5-12 contain allowable subject matter. Accordingly, claim 5 has been placed into independent form.

Allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103

This rejection is traversed at least for the following reasons.

While not conceding the propriety of these rejections and in order to advance prosecution of the above-identified application, and claims 1-4 and 13 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of their underlying subject matter. Thus, the rejection of claims 1-4 and 13 is moot.

Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are allowable, and the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and remarks is courteously solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753.

If any fee is required or any overpayment made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee or credit the overpayment to Deposit Account # 18-0013.

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Respectfully submitted,

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